Baptismal Certificate, Israel W. Mentzer

I have the birth and baptismal certificate of Israel Weidmann Mentzer (V). Although it is torn at a few places, it is still quite legible. It is, of course, in German. The following is a rather literal translation of the vital information on it.

"Birth and Baptismal Certificate
(To) this lawfully wedded couple
Johannes Meintzer and his (legitimate)
wife Catharina, born Weidmann,
a little son was born to this world, the 24th day
(of) January in the year of our Lord 1827.
Israel was born in Cocalico Township
in Lancaster County in the state of Pennsylvania
in North America and received by Holy Baptism the name
Israel Meitzer ~ the ~ day ~
in the year ~ by the Reverend Herr Wilhelm Betis
The godparents were Wilhelm Weidmann and
his spouse Elisabeth"

(The spelling "Mentzer" on the certificate is obviously a mistake.

An old church record shows that Israel Mentzer was baptized on 26 May 1827 in the Lutheran Church in Warwick (Brickerville). It is very likely that the other children of John and Catherine Mentzer were also baptized here and that they were members of that congregation as Israel was until a new one, Mellinger's Church near Schoeneck, was organized in the 1850s.)

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(24 May 1827 was a Saturday.)